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Dear Mr. Gadbury:

We received your letter dated September 14, 2010, requesting the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) concurrence on the draft re-certification memo the Carlsbad Field Office (CBFO) plans to issue to the Central Characterization Project (CCP) at the Argonne National Laboratory-East (ANL-E). We concur with CBFO's draft re-certification memo allowing ANL-E CCP to add to the previously-certified AERHDM waste stream approximately 30 55-gallon containers of remote-handled (RH) debris waste from K-Wing in Building 205 at ANL-E.

In accordance with EPA regulations at 40 CFR 194.8 (69 FR 42571-42583), on January 16, 2007, EPA approved the RH TRU waste characterization program at ANL-E (See EPA Air Docket No. A-98-49, II-A4-73).

The EPA limitations applicable to the characterization of CH TRU waste are appropriately included in Attachment 4 of the draft re-certification memo. The waste characterization equipment, procedures and processes included in the ANL draft re-certification memo are consistent with EPA's existing approvals at the site.

Thank you for providing us with an opportunity to review the draft re-certification memo for ANL-E CCP. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 202-343-9462.

Sincerely,

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